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1 ~~Rice and Frank Hulse.~~

2 MR. O'CONNOR: My name is Robert P. O'Connor. I
3 wish to pay my respects to the chair. I'm grateful for the
4 opportunity of being -- being here today and also the
5 opportunity of saying a few words.

1... 6 I think sometimes we can arrive at a solution if
7 we can ask maybe a couple of questions. One of my questions is
8 this: Does something have to be done with that atomic waste?

9 It appears to me that the answer is obvious.
10 Eventually something has to be done, and I'm hoping that what
11 is done will address the problem correctly and assist in
12 solving the problem.

13 In other words, have we created a problem where
14 there is no solution?

15 It's obvious to me that in that area Back East
16 where I think, if I remember correctly, there are around 700
17 atomic energy power plants creating waste that has to be taken
18 care of and assessed correctly.

19 Now, Steve mentioned one of the things that is
20 rather obvious. There's probably a zillion tons of atomic
21 waste buried out there at that atomic test site not even in the
22 canister.

23 Is that a problem? Eventually I think it
24 probably will be.

25 Now, this product we're talking about placed in a

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1 cont. 1 canister and that canister placed in a tunnel, how dangerous is
2 it in that position? Much more safer than where it is now.

3 Where it is now, you can have explosion,
4 implosion, meltdown, any number of things and probably will,
5 and it has happened. Three Mile Island is a good example, and
6 a horrible accident in Russia. They still have a problem with
7 that area.

8 So I guess maybe I don't have any answers, but I
9 respect the views of those who think opposite as I do, but I
10 think for both sides we have to answer the question does
11 something have to be done with it? Can we go on forever
12 creating the waste where there is evidently no solution?

13 Now, there is another problem I have. South of
14 Alamo in that area, there is much garbage being delivered to
15 Lincoln County by Clark County.

16 Eventually I -- this is my thinking, but I think
17 that eventually that waste will be contaminating the water
18 system.

19 Now Lincoln County is fortunate that this waste
20 dump is south of Lincoln County to the extent that it cannot
21 harm Lincoln County, but a time frame of 10,000 years has been
22 mentioned, so 10,000 years from now, where are we? Just a
23 garbage dump?

24 Plus this fact that in Clark County, there's
25 plenty of areas where they can take care of their own waste.

1 I thank you for your time and I hope that
2 something I said makes common sense.

3 MR. LAWSON: It does, sir.

4 MR. O'CONNOR: Because the way things are going
5 in America, I don't know where common sense is anymore. I've
6 noticed that America has gone here and there and then someplace
7 else blowing human beings off the face of the earth. They
8 never did anything to America, and I think all that is going to
9 come around. That old saying what goes around, comes around.

10 I think we got a serious problem here and it must
11 be assessed and assessed correctly. I hope we can do that.

12 Thank you.

13 MR. LAWSON: Thank you, sir.

14 MS. SWEENEY: Thank you.

15 MR. LAWSON: Jean Rice, and then Frank Hulse and
16 Brian Elkins.